THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of credit facilities available to the various categories of beneficiaries are contained in paras 10 and 11 of the Department of Health's O.M. dated the 7th September, 2001 and the list of hospitals/diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS Delhi are mentioned in Annexures 'A' and 'B' of the said O.M. which are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 2]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) As per procedure, the CGHS beneficiaries have an option of availing specialized treatment/diagnostic test at CGHS recognized hospitals/ diagnostic centres of his/her choice after the specialist of CGHS/Govemment Hospitals/CMO in-charge of CGHS dispensary recommends the procedure/ tests.

In case of serving employees, the permission is given by the concerned Ministry/Department for referral to private recognized hospitals. Further, in case the beneficiary has taken treatment in emergency, the powers to grant *ex-post facto* permisison and reimbursement has also been delegated to the concerned Ministries/Departments where the Government servant is working.

In the case of pensioners, the permission is given by the CMO in-charge of the CGHS dispensary to which the pensioner is attached for referral to private recognized hospitals. Further, in case the beneficiary has taken treatment in emergency, the *ex-post-facto* approval is given by the Head of the CGHS covered city in which the pensioner resides.

Popularization of Indian Systems of Medicine

360. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for popularization of Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Yoga Systems of medicine in all Government hospitals and dispensaries in the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HELATH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) For popularization of

Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Yoga systems of medicine in Government hospitals and dispensaries in the country, the Government has taken the following steps:

(i) Speciality units have been opened in two Central Government hospitals in Delhi *viz.* Unani in Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Homoeopathic & Ayurvedic in Safdarjung Hospital.

(ii) As Health is a State Subject, in various meetings with the State Health Ministers/Health Secretaries, the Government have impressed upon them to start OPDs on similar lines, in the Government hospitals and dispensaries in their States.

(iii) Essential drugs list of Homoeopathy, Ayurveda and Unani drugs have been circulated to all the State Governments.

(iv) The State Governments have been advised to fill up the posts of Doctors of these systems in Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, Government hospitals and dispensaries in the States and to provide adequate medicines at the Centres under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Vikas Yojana.

Action against Sex Clinic Mafias

361. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently issued orders to State Governments to crack down on illegal ultrasound clinics / laboratories and wanted to shutdown these 'Sex Clinic Mafia' making profit from illegal business;

(b) whether it is a fact that cases of female foeticide, female infanticide, sex selective abortions and sex selection of embryos are on the rise all over the country; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps Government propose to take to ensure that State Governments urgently implement the Supreme Court directive to stop these clinics openly advertising their specialization of sex-determination tests in public places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) In an Order dated 29th January,